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WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REPORT ON CHILD ABUSE
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently released a report entitled `Study on Child Abuse, India-2007` as reported in the Times of India dated April 10, 2007 and Reshtriya Sahara dated March 19, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether according to a survey conducted by the Union Government with the association of UNICEF, Delhi tops in child abuse cases;

(d) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) the percentage of abused children in the country, during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(f) whether the Union Government has earmarked any funds for the States/Union Territories to fight this problem;

(g) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(h) whether the Union Government proposes to bring any legislation to check the child abuse cases in the country; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir.Major findings of the report are given in Annexure.

(c)&(d) Child abuse is more in Andhra Pradesh than in Delhi as per the above study. Details are available on the website of the Ministry at www.wcd.in.

(e) No such figure is available.

(f)&(g) An Integrated Child Protection Scheme will be implemented in the States and Union Territories in the Eleventh Plan. The details are being worked out.

(h)&(i) The Government propose to bring an Offences against the Child (Prevention) Bill which is under consideration.